

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-11, 14-16, 19-20, and 25-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 16, 20, 30, 33, 35 and 41 are independent. The above amendments merely correct some inadvertent errors made on the Reply filed November 14, 2005 and are not for the purpose of overcoming any rejection or objection.

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata (Reg. No. 39,491) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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